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Today's Topics:

Call sign snobbery (3 msgs)

Dana's generalizations (was Re: Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams) (2 msgs) Kids aren't supposed to know anything, right? (2 msgs)

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Thanx For Help, Guys!!

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Thu, 15 Jul 93 14:10:59 GMT

From: mercury.hsi.com!a3bee2!cyphyn!randy@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Call sign snobbery To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

ron@topaz.bds.com (Ron Natalie) writes:

: > Right on, Dale!

:> Except for the obviously superior KBO 2x2 calls. :-)

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: Or the near god-like status of the 4 character calls 0:-)

: Still I support doing away with the code requirement, even though I don't : think ill of people who would like to indulge themselves in it's persuit.

: ... As long as they don't infringe in the one trully divine modulation

: mode ... 20 Meter AMTOR.

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: -Ron

Nonsense! :)

To check out who is who, send em some CW and see wot they come back with.

A no coder will come up with " uh...I got some static " or " uh...my pet cat Tammy , meowed and I didn't catch that"

An honest one will tell you they are not able to do CW yet.

Dont run 'em over 5 wpm, tho...as all yer trying to do is see if he is/ not a no-coder , not how fast he is.

If he's in a band segment he's not suppose to be in, be nice, just remind him that he's in a band he is not yet liecenced for, better tip toe back before an 00 catches him.

The BEST calls, none of you will EVER get : like 1AW (thats the entire call !)

And the BEST mode, is rotary spark-gap.

So THERE! nya! :)

Randy, KA1UNW

Date: 16 Jul 93 00:36:05 GMT

From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!bobw@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: Call sign snobbery
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jmaynard@nyx.cs.du.edu (Jay Maynard) writes:

- > In article <222a6uINNnv8@topaz.bds.com> ron@topaz.bds.com (Ron Natalie) writes:
- >>> Except for the obviously superior KBO 2x2 calls. :-)
- > >Or the near god-like status of the 4 character calls 0:-)
- > ...especially those with the number in the right place. :-) e+05

[poor memory + folklore mode ON]

Its funny how the perception of what constitutes a good or perhaps desirable call changes with time. The first callsign I had was WD9AJO, one of the first WD9 calls. At first everyone assumed that it was WB9 and I had to correct them. As time went on, people figured out that there were some newfangled calls on the bands and that these WD9 calls were clearly newly licensed folks. Now if you have a WD9 call, you are pretty much an oldtimer. (Well, OK, not that old but it puts you in the been licensed >10 years catagory.)

I seem to recall some older radio amateurs describing the same phonomenon when the 1x3 calls beginning with K were first instituted.

So the bottom line is someday your 1x3 N call will mark you as a veteran radio op. But you have to wait a while. And in the mean time you have to put up with some crap from a small narrow-minded segment of the amateur population.

Bob KB0CY

"I absolutely hate people who are intolerant."

Date: 15 Jul 93 14:03:39 PDT

From: olivea!charnel!rat!koko.csustan.edu!nic.csu.net!vms4.sc.csupomona.edu!

armyrman@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Call sign snobbery
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

>>But seriously folks, wouldn't you like to see them re-issue old calls?

> You bet!!

> I'd like to get my father's old call, W2EQZ.

stuff deleted....

here here!!

I too would also like to see old calls recycled. Maybe family members get top priority then extra, advanced,,,etc. It would be nice to aleast have a chance to get some old 1x2's or something or whatever is floating around.

I too have kept my original call, well not exactaly. I had a novice call about 12 years ago that expired, KB6CYY. But about 2 years ago I had to retest cuz I missed the renewal grace period by about 8 months, and got my novice again, KC6TMB. Since then I've upgraded to advanced and passed the extra written. So I'm 20 words away from the extra (aaahhhhh!!!!! so close yet so far! :-)) and I'll probably keep the same call.

Callsigns are status, and I would be the first inline to change mine to something more extra like (once I pass 20 WPM) if they where available. The best around here in 6 land will be KN6** these days. Like most others I've had QSL cards, R.A.C.E.S. patches, tags, engravings, keychains, dog tags, license plates, lunch boxes, sneakers, sun glasses, underwear, baggage, towels and tatoos all plastered with callsigns, so why change now?!?

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Don't look at me, I voted for Bush.

Date: 15 Jul 93 06:19:51 GMT

From: anomaly.sbs.com!kd1nr!system@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Dana's generalizations (was Re: Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams)

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

rcmolden@parmesan.cs.wisc.edu (Robertc. Moldenhauer) writes:

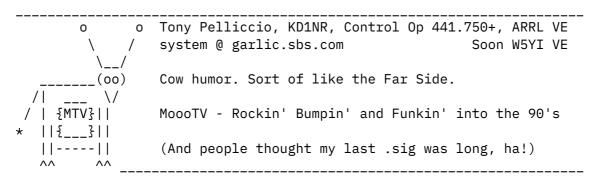
> Why don't the no coders just just the AARL and take it over? A critical mas

> s

> of no coders would force the AARL to drop it's anti-no code bias.

It's already happening. But what makes you think the ARRL is anti no-code? That's far from the truth. They love the no-code license. I don't necessarily have anything against codeless techs but I do object to the way it was handled.

Tony



Date: 15 Jul 93 06:11:24 GMT

From: anomaly.sbs.com!kd1nr!system@uunet.uu.net

Subject: Dana's generalizations (was Re: Lost petition for VHF/UHF beams)

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare - KA1CV) writes:

>>Whew.. they've got you totally blindfolded. Number one, the ARRL is >>constantly offering opinions to the FCC that are accepted and >>implemented by said agency.

> I certainly hope so. Can I infer from your statement that if all of our > opinions were rejected by the FCC you would be heaping praise upon us?

I don't think so. It's just that the influence seems pretty suspect at times.

>>How much money does the ARRL make everytime they sell my >>name to yet another distributor, or merchant? Hmmm... makes you wonder.

> I'm not too sure what this has to do with our no-code position, but I
> will point out that there is a box you can check on your membership
> application that will ensure that we do not provide your name and address
> to dealers, QSL card companies, etc. However, I suspect that most of
> our members do not mind getting these mailings.

It's not so much that I mind, I just wonder what exactly the connection is. Are the ARRL's financial records public? I'd be interested in seeing where it all goes.

>>The other thing that bothers me about the ARRL is they constantly stick >>their nose into things they have no bearing upon. For instance, the >>broadcast radio obscenity hearings are a good example.

> I think that our comments on this issue were very much related to
> Amateur Radio. Our reasoning is that if obscenity is allowed on
> the public broadcast bands then this will significantly undermine our
> efforts to get more FCC enforcement against some of the profanity
> and obscenity present on the amateur bands. Not all hams will agree,
> but I suspect that we are on pretty safe ground believing that most
> hams (and ARRL members) support our efforts in this direction.

Having been involved with broadcast radio I surmise I might have something of a bias. Besides, there are things you can say on the radio that you can't say on the amateur bands and that hasn't caused any trouble. I just can't see why the ARRL got involved with that particular issue.

>>But, far be it from me to criticize the all mighty and powerful ARRL.

- > You just did, but we really do want to hear the opinions of people who > do not believe that we are doing a good job in one or more areas. Most > people who do not agree with our actions and policies do not take the
- > time to contact the appropriate people in the ARRL. Contact your Division
 > Director about ARRL policy matters, your Section Manager for the Field

- > activities in your section, and the appropriate HQ staff or management
- > for things about the HQ operation. (See page 8 of QST, the QST masthead,
- > or get the appropriate files from info@arrl.org).

Contact our section manager? Are you kidding? The guy is never around. He was supposed to speak at a meeting of the Ocean State Amateur Radio Group the other night.. never showed. Additionally, there was no entry for section news in Rhode Island in the last issue of QST.

- > BTW, I am not too sure why you chose the term "all-mighty and powerful"
- > for ARRL. Usually the use of emotive words and sarcasm undermine rather
- > than support an idea.

I think I should've said:

#define HEAVY_SARCASM ON

Before I said that. :)

- >>The only reason myself and many of my friends are members is beacuse of $>> \mbox{QST}$ and even that's getting pretty sickening.
- > We have, responding to membership suggestions, recently changed the
- > face of QST quite a bit, including a section just for the beginner in
- > addition to the more usual fare of general-interest, medium-tech and
- > high-tech articles. If you have any suggestions for articles that
- > would interest you, please forward them to us. Specific suggestions
- > are quite a bit easier to act upon than broad generalizations.

It seems that too much of QST is related to contesting and advertisements. I realize it does cost money to print a publication the size of QST but there must be something better. A friend of mine wrote an article about how to modify a Hamtronics repeater. It was rejected by QST as "Too Technical" but they did say they'd be happy to print it in QEX. I think that call was a little out of bounds since it was no more technical than some of the projects that are presented in QST but that's an editorial decision.

- > Thanks for your input, Tony. I will send you our list of HQ
- > email addresses (file: ARRL-EMAIL-ADR on info@arrl.org). That will
- > help you communicate a bit more directly.

Hmmm.. that would be interesting. Is your available via FTP yet?

Tony

Date: 15 Jul 1993 13:03:03 -0700

From: swrinde!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!

mojo.eng.umd.edu!news.isi.com!news.isi.com!not-for-mail@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: Kids aren't supposed to know anything, right?

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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In article <222qvp\$i2i@bronze.lcs.mit.edu> moisan@bronze.lcs.mit.edu (David Moisan) writes:

> When I realize the years I could've spent in ham radio, and the >many things I could've done if hams had been more progressive back >then, I get angry. I know I'm not alone in this.

[A bunch of drivel deleted]

I'm getting sick and tired of listening to you and your ilk bitch and moan about how you've been deprived all these years just because you were too lazy to learn code/theory/whatever. Perhaps you should direct your anger at yourself, since no one else is to blame. Everyone has an equal opportunity to become a ham. Some just do it, others whine about how difficult it is, or that they don't have the time, or a thousand other excuses.

This is just indicitive of modern society, where everyone expects things to be handed to them on a silver platter and big brother, the government, will bail them out if they fail.

Too many people seem to confuse the concept of "equality of opportunity" with "equality of result". In certain endeavors, such as college admissions, or buying a home, we all have an equal opportunity to try to obtain what we want. There is no guarantee of equal result, however, otherwise I'd be living in a mansion in Newport, Rhode Island instead of in a subdivision in the Bay Area.

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Jerry Gardner (jerry@isi.com) | "Violence is the last refuge of Integrated Systems, Inc. | the incompetent" - Isaac Asimov

Date: Thu, 15 Jul 1993 20:57:59 GMT

From: pa.dec.com!nntpd2.cxo.dec.com!nuts2u.enet.dec.com!little@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: Kids aren't supposed to know anything, right?

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

kd1hz@anomaly.sbs.com (Rev. Michael P. Deignan) writes:

>moisan@bronze.lcs.mit.edu (David Moisan) writes:

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>> According to Michael, ham radio's not for young people without >>the ability to pay for kilobuck equipment?

>That's not what I said.

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>I stated that the people who complain about the average age of a ham >operator have overlooked the obvious: that ham equipment is just too >expensive for most kids to get involved.

What is "too expensive"? Do you have any idea how many Nintendo systems and games have been sold? One can certainly buy a reasonable beginners rig for \$200-300 dollars. \$5 for a key and another \$5 for some wire and you're on the air. In many areas a 10-16 year old can mow lawns and earn \$20 or more per lawn. Mowing two lawns a week and the kid can buy a very nice rig at the end of the summer.

>Sure, there will always be exceptions to the rule. But, not every kid >will have some 80-year-old geezer down the street willing to give him >a tube set to use while he learns the code to upgrade.

I have a spare receiver that is currently on loan to a prospective ham, and would gladly loan out my TS-820S to help someone get on the air. Hmmm, since the TS-820S has tube finals, I guess that qualifies me as an 80-year-old geezer. Perhaps if what you say is true, that is the problem with amateur radio. There are over 600,000 amateurs in the states. It would probably be hard to find many kids that didn't live near an existing amateur. Then again, if they live in Rhode Island, they probably don't want to become amateurs after hearing the abuse dished out there by the select few.

>The push to get the no-code license passed was not to swell the ranks >"to protect bandwidth" (most no-coders live on 2mtrs), but rather to

>increase the ranks so more V/UHF equipment could be sold, and higher >advertising rates could be charged in QST.

Right. And I bet you believe the media, the world's governments, etc. are all controlled by some small group of power brokers. It couldn't possibly have been done as a recognition of the fact that code is just another mode along with the 8 or 9 other modes U.S. amateurs are permitted to use.

Before you ask what I'm doing to help get kids involved, I'll tell you. I'll be starting an amateur radio club at the elementary school down the street if I can get permission from the administration. I also hope to be able to schedule a SAREX contact for them if orbits and schedules allow.

I believe amateurs have a responsibilty to help get kids involved. Or to put it another way; the only thing keeping kids out of amateur radio is the current amateur radio population.

73, Todd N9MWB

Date: 15 Jul 93 19:16:24 GMT

From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!geraldo.cc.utexas.edu!emx.cc.utexas.edu!not-

for-mail@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: lotsadots
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

n9ljx@en.ecn.purdue.edu (Scott A Stembaugh N9LJX) asks:

>In article <CA8ACv.D0G@fc.hp.com> perry@fc.hp.com (Perry Scott) writes:
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>>A few weeks ago, I heard god on 40m CW: N5EE. It went by so fast, I >>was still waiting to copy. Almost makes me want to move to Texas - NOT! >>

>>Perry AA0ET

>Anybody remember the call that has been popping up lately..EI5SH or something >to that effect?

In Oct 92 I worked EI5HE, could this be it? I managed to end the QSO by sending best wISHES HI EI5HE aa5bt, giving 32 dots in a row - it was to good to miss. OK, 33 if you count the first bit of A.

K5EE is on our PacketCluster sometimes, and I have met AE5E. It's good to know that the owners of these calls use them on cw, it would be an awful waste not to. Nice hearing WB9EEE in the pile-ups too.

Somehow it feels wrong working JA7SSB in cw contests (athough 'ssb' has a nice cw rhythm). And the only TT I have ever worked is TT8CW - who w as on ssb - curses...

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oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu

Date: 15 Jul 93 18:31:55 GMT

From: ogicse!emory!gatech!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!

magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!mwootton@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: Thanx For Help, Guys!!

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Thanx must go out to the the guys who helped answer my question about my license..

So..Thanx to Curtis Braun/Mark Phillips/Tom Farish/Thomas Pachner/Patrick Walters/Ron Natalie!!

Guys..I did not take the code test..so therein lies my problem...how would I go about getting a nocode license?? Do I have to take the novice/tech test at the same time or what??

mwootton@acs.ohio-state.edu

Date: 15 Jul 93 22:55:43 GMT

From: ogicse!uwm.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!fc.hp.com!

perry@network.UCSD.EDU
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <222282\$h18@hp-col.col.hp.com>, <222a6uINNnv8@topaz.bds.com>, <1993Jul15.172451.28970@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>

Subject : Re: Call sign snobbery

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: >Or the near god-like status of the 4 character calls 0:-)

: ...especially those with the number in the right place. :-) e+05

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: Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL

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Perry AA0ET

Date: Thu, 15 Jul 1993 19:37:58 GMT

From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Jul13.163752.28300@ke4zv.uucp>, <CA59vu.GJp@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <1993Jul14.130047.3228@ke4zv.uucp>

Subject : Re: Brilliant postings

In article <1993Jul14.130047.3228@ke4zv.uucp> gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman)
writes:

>In article <CA59vu.GJp@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

>>In article <1993Jul13.163752.28300@ke4zv.uucp> gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman) writes:

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>>>for a bit of HF RTTY. That's less typical I think. Most home >>>HF stations seem to be devoted to DXing or ragchewing via voice. >>>Still, it's more likely that the ham at home will be using a >>>HT rather than a key.

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>>Your generalizations are nauseating.

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>Too bad, so sad. They are the result of 30 years of active hamming and >being in contact with many many other active amateurs. NFARL includes >an activity questionaire with their membership renewals. That sample >backs my conclusions. The ARRL contracted with a market research firm >last fall to survey US amateurs. I haven't seen all the results, but >the July QST says that less than 10% of Novice licensees surveyed >operate CW, 5,000 out of a sample size of 55,000. They don't give >breakdowns for other classes in the editorial. Perhaps Dave Summer >would care to comment.

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>If you poke your nose into HRO as often as I do, you notice that there >is a rapid turnover of VHF/UHF equipment, particularly HTs, but that >the sales of HF gear is much less. That despite the higher margins >involved in them. And the poor sad code keys seem to have a heavy >layer of dust in their cabinet. More striking perhaps is the used >shelf at The Ham Station. They can't keep good VHF/UHF gear on the >shelf, but they have HF equipment that's languished there for over

>a year. Ask a used car dealer what it means when something sound >sits on the lot that long. >You say, "Aw ignore him, he's a repeater owner." That's true, but >I also have 4 HF stations, an antique B&W 6100 and Drake 2B that >I still use for RTTY, an IC735 and Dentron MLA2500 that lives mainly >on packet when the 735 isn't in the vehicle, and two rack mount >Scientific Radio HF kilowatt transceivers used for SSB. I've been >active on every band from 160 meters to 2304 MHz, and on 10 GHz. >I have a whole rack of SSB Electronic transverters as well as a >FT736R. And of course I have VHF/UHF FM rigs in both vehicles, and >a HT to carry around. Plus the usual assortment of VHF packet gear, >and a 56 kb GRAPES RF modem. At the moment I have a workshop full of >ATV gear. And yes, as necessity warrants, I've been known to use a code >key, an old WWII Navy jobbie, particularly on satellite contacts. >Like the tortoise, I'm slow, but I get the job done. I got DXing >out of my blood years ago, and don't contest. I used to be net >control for the Kentucky Traffic Net, but not for many years. >Mostly I like to experiment, and to exchange ideas with others >over radio. Does that disqualify me from commenting on the state >of amateur radio? >Gary >--Chapter 13 of Gary's autobiography... Jeff, NH6IL Date: 15 Jul 93 06:07:48 GMT From: anomaly.sbs.com!kd1nr!system@uunet.uu.net To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu References <CA27HI.7t5@amdcl2>, <930713.020025.7W9.rusnews.w165w@garlic.sbs.com>, <CA4IAo.Hz7@news.iastate.edu> Subject : Re: The Canonical list of Code-Wars Answers wjturner@iastate.edu (William J Turner) writes:

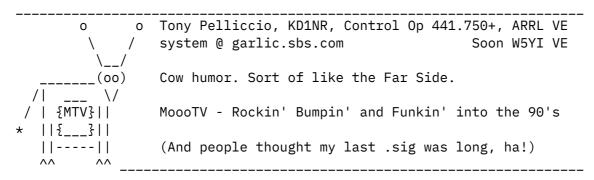
> In article <930713.020025.7W9.rusnews.w165w@garlic.sbs.com> system@garlic.sbs

> .com (Tony Pelliccio) writes:

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>>brian@amdcl2.amd.com (Brian McMinn N5PSS) writes:
>>> 30) Hams who started with No-Code now represent 98% of all hams!
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>>Could be, but lots of them upgraded because we didn't like our N#XXX
>>calls. :)
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> What about us who upgraded and kept our N#XXX calls?
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Your option. I elected to change mine for several reasons.

Tony



Date: Thu, 15 Jul 93 14:19:59 GMT

From: walter!porthos!prefect!mgsail@uunet.uu.net

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <222282\$h18@hp-col.col.hp.com>, <222a6uINNnv8@topaz.bds.com>, <CA7Fps.BKF@feenix.metronet.com> Subject : Re: Call sign snobbery

In article <CA7Fps.BKF@feenix.metronet.com> marcbg@feenix.metronet.com (Marc
Grant) writes:

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Marv N2OWL

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can
jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity.

"iHaTeX." -- Andrew Burt
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